GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:465
ANSWERED ON:19.07.2017
New Railway Lines
Simha Shri Prathap

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is determined to strengthen the Railways and if so, the details thereof; and
(b) the time by which the Nanjangud-Nilambur and Mysore-Kushalnagar new railway line projects are likely to be completed and the amount allocated for the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) and (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 465 BY SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 19.07.2017 REGARDING NEW RAILWAY LINES.

(a): Yes, Madam. Indian Railways have included 38 new line projects (3415 Km Length), 25 gauge conversion projects (1399 Km Length) and 134 doubling projects (13014 Km length) in the Budgets 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 to increase capacity of Rail Network in the Country. Besides these, following initiatives have also been taken to cut down time taken in sanctioning of estimates, tenders, contracts, etc. to expedite execution of projects which on completion would also improve line capacity of rail network:-
i) Higher fund allotments have been made for the projects in the last four years. It has resulted into expenditure of ` 58718 crore in 2014-15, ` 93795 crore in 2015-16 and ` 111600 crore in 2016-17. The allotment of funds for 2017-18 is ` 131000 crore.
ii) Powers to sanction estimates, accept tenders and award consultancy contracts have been delegated to Zonal Railways.
iii) Institutional Financing by tying up loan with M/s Life Insurance Corporation of India for ` 1.5 lakh crore for assured funding of viable projects arranged.
iv) Various State Governments have been persuaded to share part cost of the projects falling in their respective States. Besides this, they have also been persuaded to provide land free of cost in some cases.
(b): Nanjangud-Nilambur Road and Mysore-Kushalnagar new line projects are not sanctioned. As such, no allocation for these projects is feasible.
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